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1. SINCE REFTTEL TRANSMITTAL THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS
IN THIS SUBJECT AREA, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO
ORGANIZING THE JOINT US/FRENCH FALL SYMPOSIUM.

SPECIFICALLY:

A. D. HARVEY HAS HAD PLANNING DISCUSSIONS WITH MS.
MORIN OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHO TRANS-
MITTED TO MR. SYROTA, THE HEAD OF THE FRENCH CONSER-
VATION AGENCY IN PARIS, A MEMORANDUM ON THIS SUBJECT;

B. D. HARVEY HAS HIRED RPA ASSOCIATES (WHO HAVE
AN OFFICE IN PARIS) TO HELP HIM ORGANIZE THIS MEETING;

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C. DELEGUE GENERAL A L'ENERGIE MENTRE BRIEFLY
DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED MEETING DURING THE MAY 23-24
VISIT TO PARIS OF R. THORNE (SEE SEPTTEL); AND
D. DOE SCI REP HAS HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS RELA-
TIVE TO THIS MEETING: (1) SEPARATELY, WITH PARIS
REPRESENTATIVES OF RPA ASSOCIATES (ONE OF WHOM
EXPECTS TO SEE D. HARVEY IN WASHINGTON DURING THE

WEEK OF MAY 29) AND MR. ZYSS, HEAD OF THE INDUSTRY DIVISION OF THE FRENCH CONSERVATION AGENCY, AND (2) JOINTLY, WITH THE RPA REPRESENTATIVES AND MR. ZYSS.

IN SPITE OF THE ABOVE, SUBSTANTIVE ADDITIONAL THOUGHT AND PLANNING STILL APPEARS REQUIRED TO MAXIMIZE US BENEFITS FROM THIS SYMPOSIUM.

2. MENTRE REMAINS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN AND WANTS THE SYMPOSIUM TO TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, I.E., SHORTLY AFTER THE SUMMER VACATION, REGARDLESS WHETHER A PERMANENT DOE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSERVATION WILL HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THEN. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE US POLICY PRESENTATION PART OF THE MEETING AND WANTS AN AUDIENCE OF TOP FRENCH INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE US PROGRAM AND THE MOMENTUM WHICH IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN THE US (HE WAS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE PRESENTATION HE RECEIVED OVER A YEAR AGO ON THIS AT ERDA FROM G. MANELLA). HE HOPES THIS WILL PROMPT GREATER FRENCH INDUSTRY INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE SUBJECT AREA. HE IS WORRIED THAT THE FRENCH INDUSTRY

IS NOT PARTICIPATING SUFFICIENTLY AND MAY FALL BEHIND. AS A COROLLARY, HE WANTS US TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH WHAT FRENCH INDUSTRY COULD SUPPLY IN THE NEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERM IN THE US.

3. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, WHILE WE ARE INTERESTED IN WORTHWHILE CONSERVATION PRODUCTS UNIQUELY AVAILABLE IN FRANCE, OUR MAJOR INTEREST IS OPENING UP OF THE FRENCH MARKET TO US PRODUCTS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE, AND GETTING INFORMATION FROM R&D EFFORTS IN WHICH FRANCE IS HIGHLY ADVANCED (E.G., HEAT PUMPS, AS DISCUSSED IN REFTEL).

4. THE MEMORANDUM FROM MORIN TO SYROTA APPEARS TO BE A GOOD INITIAL PLANNING DOCUMENT. IT MAKES, HOWEVER, TWO POINTS WHICH MERIT ADDITIONAL THOUGHT: (A) IT STATES THAT IN PART THE SCOPE OF THE MEETING

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MAY BE DICTATED BY A DESIRE TO SAVE ON US TRANSPORTATION COSTS. THIS SHOULD BE SUBORDINATED TO MAXIMIZING THE BENEFITS TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE MEETING WHICH COULD BE VERY SUBSTANTIAL. THE SUM INVOLVED WOULD BE OF THE SAME ORDER OR MAGNITUDE AS THE RPA CONTRACT); AND (B) IT INDICATES THAT THE US MAY HAVE THE INTENTION TO USE PAPERS TO BE PREPARED FOR ANOTHER MEETING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. WHILE THIS MAY BE EXPEDIENT, AND MAY BE THE BEST APPROACH THERE SHOULD BE A CAREFUL EVALUATION WHETHER THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TWO MEETINGS ARE THE SAME AND WHETHER THIS IS IN THE BEST US INTEREST.

5. ZYSS HAS INDICATED THAT HE HAS CONCERNS ABOUT USE OF RPA TO HELP DOE IN THIS MATTER AND IN FACT STATED HE IS NOT SURE FRANCE WILL AGREE WITH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATIONS OF THIS MEETING. (IT MAY BE THAT PART OF THE CONCERN STEMS FROM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FACT THAT APPARENTLY THE PARIS OFFICE OF RPA HAS BEEN USED PREVIOUSLY TO HELP FRENCH CONSERVATION INTERESTS.) HE ALSO INDICATED THAT IT MAY BE THAT FRANCE WILL WISH THE PARALLEL INVOLVEMENT OF ANRT (ASSOCIATION

NATIONALE RECHERCHE TECHNIQUE). DOE SCI REP TRIED TO DISPEL ZYSS'S CONCERNS ON THIS POINT BUT CLEARLY HIS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH RPA WILL DEPEND ON MENTRE'S VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE.

6. WHILE THERE SEEMS TO BE AGREEMENT ON THE HEADINGS TO BE COVERED AT THE PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM, CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IS NEEDED TO DEFINE THE SCOPE AND DETAILED COVERAGE OF THE FRENCH AND US PRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE. THE REQUIRED EFFORT OF COURSE WOULD BE VERY MUCH REDUCED IF INDEED THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS FIT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PARIS MEETING.

7. ZYSS HAS TRANSMITTED THE MORIN TO SYROTA MEMORANDUM TO MENTRE AND EXPECTS COMMENTS BACK FROM MENTRE NEXT WEEK. HE PROMISED TO TRANSMIT MENTRE'S FEEDBACK TO DOE SCI REP AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. ALSO RPA REPS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO CONTACT SCI REP FOLLOWING THEIR DISCUSSIONS LN WASHINGTON, AFTER WHICH A NEW MEETING WILL BE ARRANGED WITH ZYSS.
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